

# South Asian Regional Network of the Conservation Planning Specialist Group, SSC, IUCN *CPSG - SA*

## DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS



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Sultana, Sharmin

Ullah, A.B.M. Shahid

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Dhendup, Tashi

Jordhen, Karma

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Diwan, Sandip S.

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Gupta, Madhurita  
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Kalaichelvan, Thulasingham  
Kandula, Sripathi  
Kataria, N.V.  
Khanna, Vinod  
Kotecha, Kishore  
Krutha, Keerthi  
Kumar, Ajith  
Kumar, Ashok  
Kumar, Narayanan Krishna  
Kumar, Vijay  
Lahkar, Dipankar  
Lakshminarasimha, R.  
Maheswaran, Gopinathan  
Manimozhi, A.  
Manoharan, Venkatesh Kumar  
Mansoor, Mir Mohamad  
Marimuthu, Ganapathy  
Marimuthu, Rengasamy  
Misra, Manoj Kumar  
Molur, Sanjay R.V.  
Mukherjee, Rama Prosad  
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Narwade, Sujit Shivaji  
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Patnaik, Saroj Kumar  
Paul, Sanjeev Kumari  
Paulraj, S.  
Prakash, Sant  
Rahmani, Asad R.

Rajpoot, Surendra Singh  
Ramakantha, V.  
Ramakrishna, T.  
Rangaswamy, G.  
Rangaswamy, Nandini  
Rao, R.J.  
Rawat, G.S.  
Rishi, Vinod  
Roy, Tarun Kumar  
Sahu, Rajendra Kumar  
Satyanarayan, Kartick  
Sharma, Brij Raj  
Sharma, S.C.  
Shekhawat, Deependra Singh  
Shinde, Rohit Santosh  
Siliwal, Manju  
Singh, Lala Aswini Kumar  
Singh, Mewa  
Singh, Nirmal Jeet  
Sinha, P.R.  
Sinha, Satya Priya  
Sinha, Shrawan Kumar  
Sinha, Yadunath Prasad  
Sivadasan, M.  
Solanki, G.S.  
Soud, Rakesh  
Srinivasulu, Chelmala  
Sukumar, Raman  
Sulagna, Swati  
Talukdar, Bibhab Kumar  
Thakur, Sanjay  
Thangaraj, Pratheep  
Umamathy, G.  
Umrigar, Kazveen Dinyar  
Vaz, Janice Peter  
Ved, Devendra Kumar  
Vijayakumar, Dhaarani  
Vyas, Raju Vajubhai  
Walker, Sally R.  
Yalakki, C.S.

## Nepal

Aryal, Ravi Sharma

Chalise, Mukesh Kumar

Shah, Rachana

Sherpa, Ang Phuri

Thapa, Jeewan

## Pakistan

Garstang, Richard

Khan, Uzma

Mehal, Abdul Qadeer

Qazi, Muhammad Mansoor

Raja, Naeem Ashraf

Rizvi, Aamir Ismail

## Sri Lanka

Alahakoon, Jayanthi

Amarasinghe, Amarasinghe Achchige Thasun

Bahir, Mohomed Mujuyhaba

De Silva, Anslem Lawrence

Ganeshan, Mega Primali Anushika

Goonatilake, Sampath de Alwis

Jayaweera, Shanthasiri

Jayewardene, Jayantha

Karunarathna, D.M. Sameera Suranjan

Perera, Sandun Jayalal

Pethiyagoda, Rohan

Ponnusamy, Arunthathy Sangaradas

Rajapakse, Channa

Senanayake, Saman

Somaweera, Ruchira

Surasinghe, Thilina Surasinghe Dilan

Weerathna, Pubudu Darshana

Wickramasinghe, Deepthi Devika

Wijesinghe, Chandani Ganga

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# **AFGHANISTAN**

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**Interest, skills and expertise:** Field biologist, Researcher, Conservation biologist, NGO.

**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Surveyed the status of Cheetah in North West Afghanistan with George B. Schaller (WCS International).

Status survey of the Marco Polo Argali in Pamirs for two summers.

Presently engaged in a project on food habit and dietary overlap between Marco Polo Argali and Yak in Big Pamir Reserve.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Mammals specific researches for conservation.

**Species of special interest:** Ecology, status and conservation of Marco Polo Argali, Cheetah, Wild ass, Snow leopard, Brown bear and public awareness and participation in conservation.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Zoo projects (Breeding, Research and Education); Awareness activities.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Conservation of Vulnerable, Endangered and extinct species; Collection of all kinds wildlives; To create awareness to people about conservation of wild species.

**Species of special interest:** Reptile - Many reptiles species are becoming extinction. We need these species for ecological balance. So, we should conserve the reptiles and for this reason I have chosen this network first.

**Projects in S. Asian countries which would make your membership in CBSG, SA useful and meaningful:** CBSG SA, As there was no association in Bangladesh. I was not involve with any association.

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**Projects in S. Asian countries which would make your membership in CBSG, SA useful and meaningful:** I have been teaching on Zoo and Laboratory Animal Mgmt. since 1995. I am engaged in practical demonstration on Zoo and Laboratory Animal Mgmt. at the National Zoos. My involvement in above societies will be helpful for the better exposure of students as well as for higher research in this discipline which will be finally helpful for the conservation of Zoo Animals and the improvement of National Zoo in particular.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Articles; Events organised; Zoo Projects (Breeding, Veterinary Research, Education etc.); Lobbying; Education/Awareness activities etc.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** To breed those animals becoming extinct in our country.

To collect a list of the critically endangered and extinct animal in Bangladesh

**Species of special interest:** Zoo Education

Zoo education covers a vast area, because this area is neglected for a long time. As veterinary surgeon in Dhaka Zoo it will be convenient to educate the unaware people.

**Projects in S. Asian countries which would make your membership in CBSG, SA useful and meaningful:** CBSG SA - As there is no association in Bangladesh.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Wise use of natural resources

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** To do research on feeding habit and nutritional value of local feed ingredients for critically endangered species.

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**Species of special interest:** Royal Bengal Tiger and Hoolock Gibbon.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** In the last three years, I have been actively involved in doing conservation research and raising awareness. I have also published few papers. Kindly refer my CV

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** In the next three years, I shall be focussing on research and capacity building. I will be undertaking research on wildcats and other carnivore guilds in the Bhutan Himalayas and at the same time, help my field colleagues through training them on wildlife research techniques.

**Species of special interest:** Clouded Leopard, Asiatic Golden Cat, Pallas Cat, Tiger, Leopard Cat

# INDIA

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Worked as a Member, Technical Committee of Nandankanan Zoological Park and guided the park on various veterinary related matters. Served as a Member, State Board for Wildlife, Odisha and provided my input for conservation efforts. Provided advice to number of zoos in the country on animal health care matters. Awarded the Biju Patnaik Award for Wildlife Conservation, a state award for work on conservation, particularly wild animal health care. Published scientific papers on wild animals in captivity, created public awareness. Co edited Indian Zoo Year Book, Vol-VI.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Intend to write more papers based on my experience and continue to provide guidance to zoos of the country in general and Nandankanan Zoological Park in particular.

**Species of special interest:** Carnivores and deer.

## Ahmad, Khursheed

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**Interest, skills and expertise:** Zoo and Wildlife biologist, Field and Conservation biologist, Wildlife and Environmental activist, Educator/Professor

**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Have done and continuing extensive field research on Ecology and conservation of the critically threatened Kashmir Red Deer or Hangul (*Cervus elaphus hanglu*) in Kashmir Mountains

Have been teaching "Zoo and Wildlife Management & Conservation" to the Graduate and Post Graduate students of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry and Forestry since 2007.

- Organized a state level workshop at Srinagar, Kashmir under Indian Bird Conservation Network (IBCN) in June'07.
- Organized "National Workshop on Conflict Management & Rehabilitation of Wild Animals" with Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) & Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir, Srinagar Feb 27-29, 2009.
- Organized "International Conference on Conservation of Hangul (*Cervus elaphus hanglu*) and other Endangered Deer Species" at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sci. & Tech. of Kashmir, SKICC, Srinagar Oct 10-12, 2009.
- Organized "International Conference on Wildlife & Biodiversity Conservation vis-à-vis Climate Change" at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & technology of Kashmir, SKICC, Srinagar June 3-5, 2010.
- Organized Stakeholders Workshop on Conservation of Hangul and other Endangered Mountain Wildlife Biodiversity-As a follow up of two international conferences held during 2009-2010 "Deer Species" at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir, SKICC, Srinagar November 27-28, 2011.

Presently holds following Key positions:

1. Assistant Professor-cum-Scientist In charge Centre for Mountain Wildlife Sciences, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science & Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-Kashmir)
2. State Coordinator, IBA-IBCN Programme, RSPB –BNHS
3. Member, Monitoring Committee on Hangul Conservation Breeding and Reintroduction Programme, Central Zoo Authority, MoEF, Govt. of India.

4. Member Governing Board, WWF-India, J & K chapter.
5. Principal Investigator, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India Funded Project "Long Term Conservation Plan for Hangul Part II: Hangul Movement Pattern Studies Using GPS-Satellite Telemetry"
6. Principal Investigator, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India Funded Project on "Ecological Studies on Tibetan Antelope or Chiru in Chang Chinmo WLS, Leh, Ladakh.
7. Principal Investigator, University Funded Project "Study on Phylogenetic assessment, disease and health status of Captive Wild Animals at Mini Zoo, Pahalgam, Kashmir

Previous Key Assignments undertaken As:

1. Principal Investigator, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India Funded Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India Funded Project "Long Term Conservation Plan for Hangul". Wildlife Society of India and Jammu & Kashmir Wildlife Protection Department.
2. As State Coordinator MoEF-BNHS Avian Influenza Monitoring Project, Carried out surveys in Kashmir Wetlands under BNHS- MoEF (Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India funded Project during 2005-2007. Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai.
3. Visiting Scientist, Macaulay land Use Research Institute, Aberdeen, Scotland.
4. Sr. Research Scholar, Project Hangul, J& K Wildlife Protection Department.
5. Guest Lecturer, Department of Wildlife Sciences, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.
6. State Coordinator "National Project on Inland Wetlands of India" Sponsored by UNDP and MOEF through "Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology & Natural History, Coimbatore".
7. Research Fellow, Department of Wildlife Sciences, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.
8. Research Fellow, EIA Cell, Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai and "Biodiversity Documentation of Dahanu Taluka, Thane, Maharashtra" Project. Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Shall continue working to find out scientific based Solutions for effective management and Long-term conservation of the mountain Wildlife biodiversity particularly the endangered flora and fauna of the Western Himalayan Region.

As part of my mandated work besides working on the above mentioned research problems of Critically endangered Kashmir Red deer or Hangul, Tibetan Antelope or Chiru and phylogenetic and disease aspects of Wild Animals, serious work efforts are being made in Assisted reproduction, Conservation breeding, successful species recovery and reintroduction programme in endangered species such as Kashmir Red deer or Hangul that is endemic to Kashmir, and Musk deer and to explore possibility of extraction of Shahtoosh wool from Chiru by live combing and Musk from musk deer

A research study project "Wetlands and Climatic Change: Wetlands and Waterfowl Ecology, Disease Monitoring and Surveillance Study in Jammu & Kashmir, submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MOEF) Govt. of India, is being sanctioned shortly and work on the same is expected to start by end of this year.

Would continue imparting as much as possible the best field based scientific knowledge, experience and education to the graduate and post graduate students of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry and Forestry as well as to the in-service forest and wildlife frontline staff, to further the cause of wildlife management and conservation, its awareness and education.

**Species of special interest:** Hangul or Kashmir deer, Tibetan antelope or Chiru, Red deer and other Mountain Ungulates, Himalayan wolf, Snow leopard, Waterfowl and Forest birds.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Making documentary film on local biodiversity as well as local environment which should be exposed to school students as well as local community in order to create awareness local environment, and biodiversity. Create awareness and training to local community to live harmony with nature. Motivate students and community to gain income from natural resources in order to sustain our environment. Reduce all kinds of pollution water, air and soil, protection and conservation of nature by changing attitude through education and awareness programmes.

**Species of special interest:** Biodiversity conservation.

**Projects in S. Asian countries which would make your membership in CBSG, SA useful and meaningful:** Biodiversity conservation membership in CBSG South Asia will be very much useful and meaningful as it has hot spots of biodiversity and most biological diversity region.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** I intend to stay with the Himalayan Langur Project and in establishing the Conflict Mitigation and Conservation Monitoring Platform in Chamba.

**Species of special interest:** *Semnopithecus ajax*

**Projects in S. Asian countries which would make your membership in CBSG, SA useful and meaningful:** Conserving Livelihood and *Semnopithecus ajax*: Crop protection and conflict mitigation in communities around Khajjiar-Kalatop Wildlife Sanctuary, Chamba.

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2. Treated an injured Crocodile at Veer Jijamata Zoo, Byculla, Mumbai, India.

3. Treated a hindquarter paralyzed monkey in Mar 2008 brought by Forest Officer in College of Vet & Animal Science, Udgir, Latur, Maharashtra, India during 4<sup>th</sup> year of B.V.Sc & AH.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Will do Masters degree & Ph.D. in wildlife & work as voluntary in conservation of wildlife or zoological park & health management.

**Species of special interest:** Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Rhinoceros, Hippopotamus, Elephant, Crocodile, Deer, Antelope, Hyena, Squirrel, Vulture, & other wild spp. of mammals.

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I involved myself with education and awareness campaign organized by different NGO's in and around Protected Areas of Assam & Uttaranchal. My specific interest was educating communities about improved husbandry practices of livestock and thereby reducing impact over Protected Areas and improve the socio-economic status of the communities as well.

I engaged myself with team of experts from college of veterinary sciences, Assam and Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly in disease diagnosis (P/M) of wild animals and captive elephants as well as some basic field based research project in nutrition of captive elephants.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Epidemiological study in free ranging and captive wild animals. Rehabilitation of orphan hand raised elephant calves and greater one horned Rhino.

**Species of special interest:** Asian elephant, Greater one horned Rhinoceros, Slow loris, Storks.

**Projects in S. Asian countries which would make your membership in CBSG, SA useful and meaningful:** Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation, Kaziranga N.P. (Assam) and Centre for bear rehabilitation and conservation in Arunachal Pradesh, which are projects of WTI & State F.D. will get benefit out of my membership.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Since last 6 years I am actively involved in the conservation of threatened desert fauna in western Rajasthan.

Successfully, completed 3 projects as Principal Investigator

1. On Conservation of Indian Gazelle or Chinkara with community support in Thar Desert of Rajasthan.
2. On the Changing avifauna of IGNP area in Thar Desert.
3. Successfully completed one project on Status of threatened fauna of Gogelao enclosure, Nagaur, in western Rajasthan. This enclosure harbours various endangered mammals and birds like Chinkara, Indian Fox, Desert Cat, Jungle Cat, Stoliczka's Bush chat (only single endemic to Thar Desert).
4. Completed a survey on the nesting of White backed Vulture and Long-billed Vulture in western Rajasthan, and recorded more than 50 active nests in this area.

Started an undercover anti-poaching group for curbing the poaching of Chinkara and Blackbuck in western Rajasthan, through Bishnoi Community support.

Also working as a co-Investigator in a project on the status of Rusty spotted cat in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra.

Coordinating a project on 'Present status survey of Desert Cat (*Felis silvestris ornata*) in western Rajasthan, as this is already listed in schedule I of WPA 1972 and facing severe threat from inbreeding with domestic cat.

Started a Wildlife/Environmental Awareness in rural of western Rajasthan, for better understanding the values of precious nature.

Also, worked as a wildlife expert and resource person for Rajasthan, M.P. and Himachal Pradesh Forest Dept. for training of front line staff in wildlife census and other related activities.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** As stated earlier, I am working in two large scale awareness programs, which will continue for a long time.

Planning to undertake status surveys of all the endangered animals of Schedule I & II in Wildlife Protection Act 1972, i.e., Wolf, Jackal, Hyena, Desert Fox, Common Fox, Desert Cat, Jungle Cat, Chinkara/Indian Gazelle, Blackbuck, Grey Mongoose, Small Indian Mongoose, Monitor Lizard, Spiny-tailed Lizard, Great Indian Bustard, Stoliczka's Bushchat, etc, just a few to list.

Western Rajasthan is holding more than 60% of the part of Thar Desert and this critical habitat has various endangered animals. But due to fast urbanization and changed land use style is having a high pressure on these species. All these species are declining with a fast rate, and we don't know even their proper status and distribution in this vast landscape. Though the task is very big, for me this is a challenge to do one by one, with the active support of local communities.

Recently my colleague, supporters and me formed a registered NGO named 'Ecology and Rural Development Society, Rajasthan' with main objective to save environment through community participation. Now this group is having members from various districts and this will be a big strength in future to achieve the planned activities.

**Species of special interest:** I have special interest in lesser known fauna, even current status of these animals still not known. Like to work on Vulture, Caracal, Desert cat, Rusty-spotted cat, Wolf, etc.

**Projects in S. Asian countries which would make your membership in CBSG, SA useful and meaningful:** Currently I have to work as a active member in the Vulture program, and other capacity building workshops. Later on, want to develop proposal for *in-situ* conservation of lesser known fauna in Thar Desert.

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2. Designing of Peacock Aviary – Raj Bhavan, Govt. of Maharashtra, Sep 2015
3. Leopard – Human Conflicts Resolution R&D – Maharashtra, April 2015
4. Crocodile – Human Conflicts Mitigation & Management, Maharashtra Forest Dept., Sep 2015
5. Wildlife Veterinary Consultancy – Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Jul 2015
6. Tiger surgery & Post operative Care – Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Jul 2015
7. Leopard In-grown Nail Surgery – Sanjay Gandhi National Park
8. Lion Safari Designing & Conceptual Layout – Sanjay Gandhi National Park
9. Environmental Enrichment of Leopard Rescue Centre – Sanjay Gandhi National Park
10. Master Layout Designing (200 Acres Zoo & Safari) – Sanjay Gandhi National Park
11. Wildlife Rescue Ambulance Designing for Leopard – Human Conflicts Resolution, Sanjay Gandhi National Park
12. Zoo Master planning Training Programme – Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Architecture
13. One day Workshop on Wildlife Management and Zoo Designing – Kirti M Doongursee College
14. Installation of Bird Feeders in Navi Mumbai, May 2015
15. Save Pigeons Campaign, May 2015
16. Initiation of Snake Conservation Project, 2015
17. Wildlife Crime Monitoring & Reporting to WCCB (Wildlife Crime Control Bureau)
18. Research on Reptile – Human Conflicts in Mumbai, 2015
19. Technical Support for Crocodile – Human Conflicts in Maharashtra
20. King Cobra Conservation & Breeding Programme – Kolhapur, 2014
21. Master Planning of Reptile Park – Kolhapur, 2015
22. R&D on Technology for wildlife Monitoring – Jul, 2015
23. Exposed Illegal Experiments on Captive Tigers in Zoo – September, 2014
24. Exposed Illegal Trading of Captive Birds and animals – October, 2014
25. R&D on Enrichment of Captive Wildlife Enclosures – Aug, 2015
26. Barn Owl Conservation & Rehabilitation Programme – Aug, 2015
27. Kite Conservation & Rehabilitation – Aug, 2015

28. Captive Wildlife Welfare Enforcement in Zoos – Oct, 2014  
29. Manual for Modern Approach to Leopard – Human Conflicts Resolution

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Leopard - Human Conflict Mitigation by Advanced Technology  
Conservation of Asian Reptiles  
Crocodylus palustris conservation at Krishna River Ghats  
Peacock Conservation

**Species of special interest:** *Pavo cristatus*, *Crocodylus palustris*, *Sousa chinensis*

**Projects in S. Asian countries which would make your membership in CBSG, SA useful and meaningful:** *Crocodylus palustris* Conservation in Maharashtra, India  
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Training program for internship and veterinary students which includes - Physical and chemical restraining of captive wild animals, darting; Various ways of medicine administration; Wildlife disease and their treatment, vaccination, deworming, quarantine and other healthcare programme/schedule, etc.

Educational Activities involved with Zoo staff, Mumbai are as follows: Organizing events/program for school, college, veterinary students, teachers and general public at large which includes history of zoo, modern concept of zoo, plantation, poetry, painting competition, rangoli, essay writing, exhibition of wildlife photographs; Do's and Don'ts in zoo; Zoo guide tour; Visitor survey; Distribution of educational packages; Conducting wildlife film show on related topics; Celebration of world environment day, wildlife week, Vanmahostav and others; Question-answer sessions; Live snake demonstration (non-venomous); Contributing articles for annual report and newsletters for zoo; Education programs conducted in collaboration with various NGO's; Anti-plastic activities.

Articles:

Assisted Dr. Karawale & Dr. Wani, VJBU Zoo in an article "Sterilizations of Male *Cervide* In Mumbai Zoo" Zoo's Print, Vol. XVIII, No. 2, Feb 2003.

"Treatment of Subluxation in Rat Snake" Zoo's Print, Vol. XVIII, No. 10, Oct 2003.

"Pinioning Painted Stork by altering the dose of Ketamine & Xylazine" Zoo's Print, Vol. XVIII, No. 10, Oct 2003.

"Changing concept of zoos in India (Evolving as national brand)" Zoo's Print, Vol. XXI, No. 12, Dec 2006.

"Role and importance of Human Resource Management in modern zoos in India." submitted to Zoo's Print.

"Anti-plastic activities in zoos in India and some facts & statistic of plastic." submitted to Zoo's Print.

"Environmental enrichment of exhibits for zoo inmates and its features." submitted to Zoo's Print.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** 1. To associate and actively participate with various organization, which will help in better communication and sharing the ideas.

2. Introducing the conservation strategies through the Environmental Enrichment Exhibits (EEE-Conservation) for that I need to attain the course offered by the American Zoo & Aquarium, "Managing Animal Enrichment & Training Prog." So that I can successfully implement those strategies in Asian Zoos by educating & conducting workshop etc.

3. Follow the external & internal integrated conservation activities.

4. Developing the network with neighboring zoos, improving the coordination & communication within zoo community.

5. Represent Asian zoos at the international standards in conservations.

6. To grab each and every opportunity to work on.

7. Improving the communication among the zoo veterinarians on technical aspects.

8. Introduction of the conservation strategies by means of marketing strategies.

9. Conducting breeding programme in zoos by using latest available information and technology.

**Species of special interest:** i) Pheasants ii) Exotic birds iii) Reptiles (Snakes, Crocodiles, Gharial) iv) Elephant v) Tigers (White and Bengal tigers).

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** I am founder and key person of "Wildlife Conservation Trust:

1. For information on Asiatic Lion and Gir, WCT launched and manages [www.asiaticlion.org](http://www.asiaticlion.org), since Aug 2006.
2. WCT manages and updates last minute news articles about Asiatic Lion and Gir on News Blog <http://asiaticlion.blogspot.com>
3. WCT supports and is moderator of [http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/Asiatic\\_Lions](http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/Asiatic_Lions), which also is very much popular Yahoo Group amongst Asiatic Lion lovers.
4. Regularly information emails are sent out to wildlife's around the globe for information about wildlife in Gujarat.
5. WCT members participated in Lion Census April 2005.
6. WCT nominated Late Shri P.P. Raval for prestigious 'Venu Menon Animal Allies Foundation Award' for 2007.
7. Participated in Symposium on "Emerging Conservation Strategies for Endangered Species" organized by VHF at Ahmedabad on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2007.
8. Spread information about simple "Rope Technique to keep elephants away from farm lands" to different states in India to help reduce "Man-Animal Conflict", Mar 2007.
9. In synergy and financial support of Vanishing Herds Foundation we jointly barricaded 96 wells in Sukhpur, Trangsha, Dudhada and Kotda villages in Dhari Taluka in Gir East, Apr 2007.

10. 'Project CTC' (Project Catch The Culprits) To catch the Poachers of eight lions we declared cash award of Rs.21,000 to the informer of Lion poachers. Also intensive Public Awareness Campaign in Gir villages was done by distributing printed pamphlets, SMS, phone calls etc, Apr 2007.
11. Open wells are virtual death traps for wild animals in Gir. We developed a dynamic design to barricade open wells, which is economical, fast to install, strong and environment friendly, May 2007.
12. We prepared an exhaustive report titled "Suggested measures that could be adopted to further strengthen the protection of Asiatic Lions and Gir Biodiversity" (Jun 2007). This report was brought to the attention of the office of the Honorable Chief Minister of Gujarat, May 2007.
13. Participated in "Migrant Watch", an annual countrywide programme to study the movements of nine common winter migratory birds to India. It was organised by Indian Birds Journal in association with the National Centre for Biological Sciences. Our involvement gave good support from bird-watchers of Gujarat, Aug 2007.
14. We were the first to sign MoU with Gujarat Forest Dept. on Sep 26, 2007 to barricade 101 open wells in Kotda village. Work has started, 17 are done and hope to finish others.
15. Participated in preparation of guidelines along with ATREE, CSD-Delhi, Kalpavrisikh, Samrakshan Trust, SHODH and WWF- India. The note was titled as "Identification of Critical Tiger Habitats, Co-existence and Relocation" and was submitted to National Tiger Conservation Authority, Sep 2007.
16. WCT helped prestigious Zoo's Print magazine to publish a special issue for respectful tribute to Shri. P.P. Raval, Oct 2007.
17. To encourage field staff and local villagers surrounding Gir forest we have planned 'P.P. Raval Memorial Awards'. (Financial Aid from donors is requested) Oct 2007.
18. Celebrated National Wildlife Week at Rajkot by organizing a wildlife exhibition and essay competition titled 'Wildlife of Gujarat', Oct 2007.
19. Signed MoU to barricade 50 open-wells in Gir in synergy and financial support of World Wildlife Fund for Nature-India, Nov 2007.
20. Committed 25 more open-wells protection with support of WWF-India. In all we finished about 185 wells (other than 96 done with VHF) in record time of 3 months and that also ahead of all corporate giants, Jan 2008.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Our prime focus is on barricading maximum open or unprotected wells in the Gir forest area. We gave a spark in Sep' 07 and invoked the corporate giants to come forward. Now our job is to still catalyse this act and make it as fast as possible and with in few years protect all the open wells surrounding Gir areas. In last five years lion population growth was 32 and death due to open wells was 25. If we successfully prevent open well deaths, it would be our dream achieved.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** I am presently working as a researcher on an Amphibian disease characterisation project. Earlier I have worked with the Madras Crocodile Bank as a docent and have conducted one snake show during my college, where I organised it teach people about various species of snakes and allow people to recognise venomous and non-venomous species of snakes.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** I want to understand the impact of the disease Chytridiomycosis, make realistic conservation plans for monitoring populations of amphibians on an yearly basis, do something about exotic species trade and make documents on diseases and malformations on amphibians. Make a decent reference document on amphibian species recorded in India. Develop a Chytridiomycosis sampling protocol for Caecilians. Also want to make a base plan for establishing an amphibian biobanking facility in case the situation of the Chytrid fungus is significant concern.

**Species of special interest:** All species of shieldtail snakes, agamids, chameleons, viperids.

**Projects in S. Asian countries which would make your membership in CBSG, SA useful and meaningful:** I am not aware about the projects in the various regions, but my priority would be for India, Sri Lanka, Borneo, Malaysia and Cambodia.

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**Species of special interest:** I have interest mainly in birds and animals - Leopard, Lion, Himalayan black bear, Sambar, Hog deer, Barking deer. In birds-Western tragopan, Jungle fowl, Peacock, Kaliz, Owl.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** I have prepared the checklist of birds of Amchang WLS, Garbhanga RF, Silsako wetland, Deepor beel, Assam, North Orissa University campus, etc.,

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**Species of special interest:** Birds.

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Lakshminarasimha R., Vijay Ranjan Singh. In Press. Better home for pheasants through environmental enrichment. The Shape of Enrichment.

Lakshminarasimha R., Vijay Ranjan Singh. Environmental enrichment for Common Marmosets (*Callithrix jacchus jacchus*) at Mysore Zoo. ZOOS' PRINT, Volume XXIV. 2009.

Talks: Keeping Zoo Animals Happy: For Mysore Zoo Youth Club.

Projects: Live feed for captive animals: CZA funded small grants project at Mysore Zoo.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Presently planning for my Ph.D. which is aimed at conserving some of the endangered avifauna of India in particular and to extend it to other species as well in future. I am primarily interested to work with captive wildlife with supplemented data from the free-ranging counter-parts.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Planned for the detailed field study of ivory poaching in and around Mudumalai sanctuary. Organising awareness programs for public, tribal students, etc.

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Member of team who prepared species recovery plan for three resident bustard species of India.

Published paper on heronries, bats in south-western region of deccan plateau of Maharashtra.

Conducting, impact assessment studies for an airport, coal mine & thermal power plant as well as windmills on birds.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Conservation of grassland specially from deccan peninsular part of India.

Preventing extinction of Great Indian Bustard.

Be one of the leader in conservation breeding programme for Great Indian Bustard.

**Species of special interest:** Great Indian Bustard

Biodiversity of deccan plateau

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** I propose to guide most conservation breeding facilities in India with their master plans and help improve the breeding of endangered species. More of protected areas will be assisted to save their habitat or even improve them through my intervention wherever feasible. Also propose to create further awareness among people, particularly younger ones on necessity of biodiversity conservation.

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Involvement in the design phase of ZIMS (Zoological Information Management System). My inputs are incorporated into the data standards of ZIMS.

Association with ISIS (International Species Information System) as Hindi translator. The ISIS news is now available in Hindi since 2006 and I got the opportunity to translate its every Hindi version since then.

Association with vetpro.co.uk as moderator, a Veterinary professional site, where I am involved in posting various articles and photographs related to wildlife as well as domestic animals.

Association with World Rabies Day International campaign as a Veterinarian, Hindi translator and slogan writer. My slogan was used in WRD 2008 campaign. The extension education about rabies is very important for conservation of wildlife in certain species e.g. Bats.

Treatment of many rescued wild animals like Leopards, Monals, Bears, Raptors, Gorals, Parrots, Chakors etc.

Conduct of camps for wildlife staff in Kullu in association with Forest Dept./Great Himalayan National Park staff.

Conduct of Zoonoses awareness camps so that the zoonotic diseases could be identified at a very early level and their spread to wildlife could be prevented or controlled by taking appropriate measures at proper time.

Extension education to farmers about vaccination and treatment of their animals against some diseases and parasites (eg. ticks, lice, fleas etc) so that the further spread of such cases could be prevented and the threat to precious wildlife could be reduced.

Wildlife education through poems and word-knits. One such poem of mine on monkeys has also been published in educative material Monkey Manners published by Zoo Outreach Organization and South Asian Primate Network. Few word knits have also been published in Zoo's Print Magazine. A poem on Vulture conservation will come up in ISIS news. I am also in the process of completing a book on Educative word-knits and poems as an entertaining aid in wildlife conservation and education and waiting for a suitable publishing offer.

Stray cattle rehabilitation to avoid their mixing up with wildlife to prevent diseases spread from them to wildlife. In hilly areas like Himachal there are many villages near jungles.

Presentation of measures to reduce monkey menace at various forums including joint meeting of CBSG, RSG and SAZARC organised by Zoo Outreach Organization in Nov 2005 at Anaikati (Tamil Nadu).

Presentation of the project carried out on Stray Cattle Rehabilitation in the above workshop.

Participation in the topic on IUCN guidelines in the above mentioned meeting and workshop and holding the veterinary sub-session.

Publication of an article on Monkey menace in Zoo's Print Magazine.

Review of Veterinary articles for Zoo's Print Journal (South Asian wildlife Journal) of Zoo Outreach Organization.

Involved in South Asian Bat Monitoring Project, Pterocount since last two years.

Studying human-animal conflict especially related to Bats in Kullu. An article has been published on vetpro.co.uk (Living in Harmony with Conflict: Bats of Shamshi).

Studying role of bats in seed-dispersal and forest re-growth on riverside after floods in Kullu area.

Conduct of camps with Mid-Himalayan project in association with Forest Department in Kullu district.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Plan to study bats in relation to zoonoses this year.

Publishing of a poetry and word-knit book on wildlife conservation education.

Study wildlife-human-domestic animal conflict.

Study veterinary aspects of wildlife management.

Treatment of more wild animals and save their life as usual routine.

Be involved in extension education about wildlife conservation and education.

Photography of wildlife during treatment as well as in natural condition.

I dream to make an educative film on wildlife that shows importance of wildlife in very simple but soul-touching way.

**Species of special interest:** Bats, Leopards, Gorals, Monals, Monkeys.

**Projects in S. Asian countries which would make your membership in CBSG, SA useful and meaningful:** South Asian bat monitoring project.

The projects related with veterinary aspect of wildlife in South Asia.

The projects related with prevention of spread of diseases from humans & domestic animals to wildlife in South Asia.

Extension education projects about wildlife conservation and education in South Asia.

Projects related with study of human-wildlife-domestic animal-conflicts.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** 1. In this field of good knowledge and good experience. 2. Conservation of Flora and Fauna rare and Endangered Species. 3. I also Conservation activity of Lepidoptera species. 4. Arrangement and Management of Poster presentation in Vertebrates and Invertebrates activities in government and Private Colleges, Schools. 5. Conservation of Birds, Animals, Reptiles, Plant species work experience. 6. Arrangement and management of Functional activity of Animal Model and its Conservation Important. 7. Also discovered newly species areas and diversity.

**Species of special interest:** Lepidoptera, Mammals, Insects, Reptiles, Amphibians, Birds, Micro Fauna and Flora, Plants, and also all Vertebrates and invertebrates.

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Published two articles one on Adenocarcinoma of mammary gland in Lioness in Indian Wildlife Year Book and one on Hand rearing of White tiger cub, Zoo Year Book (2004).

Acted as Project coordinator in Zookeeper training programme of 1 week (Regional level).

For First time in Chhat Bir zoo successful breeding of Gharial in artificial thermoregulatory enclosure successfully.

Monitored research project of M.V.Sc graduate in thesis on Epidemiology of Ectoparasites in various animals.

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2007: I had worked with Pigmy Hog Conservation Programme as Project Site Manager of Sonai-Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary, which is a collaborative project of IUCN/SSC Pig Peccaries & Hippo Specialist Group, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, Forest Department (Govt. of Assam) and Ministry of Environment & Forest (Govt. of India). There my job includes the monitoring of adaptation and behavioral changes of Pigmy Hog *Sus salvanius* at Pre-release conditions and also to prepare the soft release site at Sonai-Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** I am interested in the conservation of wildlife in Northeastern region, particularly with reference to poorly-studied species. As vast regions of this continent remain poorly known in regards to biological diversity, I would like to conduct many baseline surveys in order to portray the true biological richness of these mostly threatened & often scientifically neglected areas. It is hoped that this knowledge will inspire local students to carry out more long term survey's of such areas, allow the identification of key areas and species in need of conservation, develop in-situ conservation programs with the assistance of the concerned stakeholders, and design material that can be used in education/awareness programs for the public, especially students.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Want to work on man animal conflict in the National Park where presently I am working for my Ph.D. thesis. Also would like to study the impact of climate change and the wildlife found in the coastal areas.

**Species of special interest:** Cetaceans, birds, ants.

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In the meanwhile on my own I have received funding to develop a travelling exhibition that will educate the Parsee community on the reasons of the vulture crisis and how they can contribute to saving them.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** As the Director of the Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park, there are a few objectives that I hope to accomplish in the coming years. We hope to establish an off display captive breeding facility for the Malabar Giant Squirrel (*Ratufa indica*), Indian Chevrotain (*Tragulus memminus*) and King Cobra (*Ophiophagus hannah*) so as to conserve these endangered species.

Educating zoo visitors by innovative signage, zoo guides and zoo classrooms will be the main focus of zoo education. I hope to get funding and implement a project by which veterinarians, livestock supervisors and farmers in Maharashtra would be made aware of the toxic effects of veterinary diclofenac in vultures and therefore not use the said banned drug or the preparation manufactured for humans in the treatment of domestic cattle. This would give the vultures a better chance of survival by making the environment diclofenac free, not just for the free living wild ones but also for the ones that are being bred in captivity for future release programmes.

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Worked on wasps (paper wasps).

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** I want to learn and share informations, skills and knowledge to make better future for wildlife. I want to focus on conservation medicine and will give top priority to conservation breeding. Our zoo has two pairs of Rhinos and they have not bred yet. I will sincerely look forward to the issue and will bred them. I am committed to seeing their babies with three years. This is just one of the examples for my commitments.

**Species of special interest:** Elephant, Tiger, Rhino, Tortoise, Vultures etc.; Endangered species breeding, Zoo Curatorial works, Conservation medicine.



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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Prepared country report for Urial for COP - 11.

Drafted Trophy hunting policy for Pakistan.

Developed conservation project for Maskhor and Afghan Urial in Torghar and endemic reptiles in Chagai Desert of Balochistan for GEF, MSP.

Prepared Conservation Management Plan for Torghar the hotspot for straight horned Maskhor and Afghan urial.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Implementation of Conservation project in Torghar and Chagai Desert, Balochistan; Start work on Bats of Balochistan.

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Center for North American Herpetology (CNAH), USA; Oriental Birds Club (OBC), UK; Species Survival Commission (SSC)/IUCN; Crocodile Specialist Group (CSG); ANSA, Amphibian Network of South Asia; Instructor of the Herpetology Group: The Young Zoologists' Association, National Zoological Gardens, Sri Lanka; Managing Editor of the Taprobanica journal, The Journal of Nature Conservation & Biodiversity. ISSN 1800-427X; Chairman of Taprobanica Nature Conservation Society, Sri Lanka

### International Symposiums:

Karunaratna, D.M.S.S., A.A.T. Amarasinghe, U.T.I. Abaywardena, D.M.G.N. Karunaratna, M.D.C. Asela and D.G.R. Sirimanna (2006). Preliminary study of Reptiles diversity of Nilgala forest area: Monaragala district in Sri Lanka.

Proceedings of the International symposium of Forestry and Environment, University of Sri Jayawardanapura: 74pp.

Karunaratna D.M.S.S and A.A.T. Amarasinghe (2007). Reptile diversity of Kukulugala Isolated forest area: Kalutara district in Sri Lanka. Proceedings of the International symposium of Forestry and Environment, University of Sri Jayawardanapura: 24-25pp.

Karunaratna, D.M.S.S. and A.A.T. Amarasinghe (2008). Behavior, Habitat, Ecology and Biology of *Calotes ceylonensis* Muller, 1887 (Reptilia: Agamidae) from Sri Lanka. Proceedings of the International symposium of Agamids, Zoologisches Forschungsmuseum, Bonn, Germany: 20pp.

Karunaratna, D.M.S.S. and A.A.T. Amarasinghe (2008). Current Distribution pattern, Ecology and Conservation of *Calodactylodes illingworthorum* Deraniyagala, 1953 (Reptilia: Gekkonidae: Gekkoninae) from Sri Lanka. Proceedings of the International symposium of Forestry and Environment, University of Sri Jayawardanapura: 64pp.

### Publications:

Manamendra-Arachchi, K., A. de Silva and T. Amarasinghe (2006). Description of a second species of *Cophotis* (Reptilia: Agamidae) from the highlands of Sri Lanka. *Lyriocephalus*, 6, Suppl. 1: 1-8.

Amarasinghe, A.A.T. and D.M.S.S. Karunaratna (2007). The endangered Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush *Myophonus blighi* eats an endangered lizard. *Birding Asia*, 7: 83-84.

Amarasinghe, A.A.T. and D.M.S.S. Karunaratna (2007). Beobachtungen zum Eiablageverhalten der Indischen Schönechse *Calotes versicolor* (Daudin, 1802) (Reptilia: Agamidae) in einem anthropogenen Biotop in Sri Lanka. *Souria*, 29(3): 27-30.

Soysa, W.C., A.A.T. Amarasinghe and D.M.S.S. Karunaratna (2007). The First Record of Great Eared Nightjar *Eurostopodus macrotis* Vigors, 1830 (Aves: Caprimulgidae) from Western Province of Sri Lanka. *Siyoth*, 2(1): 88-90.

Karunaratna, D.M.S.S. and A.A.T. Amarasinghe (2007). Observations on the breeding behavior of *Philautus regius* Manamendra Arachchi and Pethiyagoda, 2005 (Amphibia: Ranidae: Rhacophorinae) in Nilgala, Monaragala district in Sri Lanka. Russian Journal of Herpetology, 14(2): 133-136.

Udayakumara, A.A.D.A., D.M.S.S. Karunaratna, A.A.T. Amarasinghe and E.M.K.B. Ekanayake (2007). The First Confirmed Record of South Polar Skua *Catharacta maccormicki* Saunders, 1893 (Aves: Stercorariidae) from Western Province of Sri Lanka. Birding Asia, 8: 83-84.

Karunaratna, D.M.S.S., A.A.T. Amarasinghe, P.I.K. Pebotuwage and A.A.D.S. Udayakumara (2007). A study of the non captive avifaunal diversity in the National Zoological Gardens, Dehiwala, Sri Lanka, Siyoth, 2(2): 25-29.

Amarasinghe, A.A.T. and D.M.S.S. Karunaratna (2008). Observations on the ovipositional behavior of the Crest – Less Lizard *Calotes liocephalus* (Reptilia: Agamidae) in the Knuckles Forest Region of Sri Lanka. Asiatic Herpetological Research, 11: 13-16.

Karunaratna, D.M.S.S., A.A.T. Amarasinghe and E.M.K.B. Ekanayake (2008). Observed predation on a Sucker mouth Catfish (*Hypostomus plecostomus*) by a water monitor (*Varanus salvator*) in Bellanwila-Attidiya Sanctuary. Biawak, 2 (1): 37-39.

Karunaratna, D.M.S.S., U.T.I. Abaywardena, A.A.T. Amarasinghe, D.G.R. Sirimanna and M.D.C. Asela (2008). Amphibians fauna Diversity of Beraliya Mukalana Proposed Forest Reserve Gall District in Sri Lanka. Tigerpaper, 35(2): 12-16.

Karunaratna, D.M.S.S., A.A.T. Amarasinghe and A. De Vos (2008). Preliminary Notes on the Monitor Lizards (Family: Varanidae) within the National Zoological Gardens (NZG) Dehiwala, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Biawak, 2(3): 109-118.

Karunaratna, D.M.S.S. and A.A.T. Amarasinghe (2008). Beobachtung einer Dickschnabelkrähe (Aves: Corvidae) beim Erbeuten von Ceylon-Taubagamen, *Cophotis ceylanica* (Reptilia: Agamidae), im Horton Plains Nationalpark auf Sri Lanka. Sauria, 30(4): 59-62.

Karunaratna, D.M.S.S. and A.A.T. Amarasinghe (2008). Unusual roosting behaviour of Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala* in Matale district, Sri Lanka. Birding Asia, 10: 102.

Karunaratna, D.M.S.S. and A.A.T. Amarasinghe (2008). Notes on the Territorial Behaviour of *Otocryptis wiegmanni* Wagler, 1830 (Reptilia: Agamidae: Draconinae). Herpetotropicos, 4(2): 79-83.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Conservation Breeding programs on Amphibians, Reptiles and Birds; Awareness Programs on Conservation; Reserch on Impacts on Nature.

**Species of special interest:** Taxonomy, behaviour, conservation breeding, conservation ecology, morphology and physiology of Herpetofauna. Special interest on Agamid Lizards, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** A founder member of the Wildlife Conservation Society-Galle (1993-2007) and resigned in 2007.

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Worked as the Manager: "Trees for Life" project, under The responsible tourism partnership of Sri Lanka from Feb-Nov 2007.

Worked as Public Relations Officer for the Hon. Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Social Services and Social Welfare, Sri Lanka (Nov 2007-Jan 2009).

Also in general I am involved in many conservation, research and education programs. I am involved in delivering lectures for school children, villagers, university students and teachers and involved in conservation research and co-ordinating conservation research projects.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Dedicated for biodiversity conservation and exploration.

**Species of special interest:** Reptile taxonomy & conservation (Geckos & Agamids); Freshwater crab & shrimp taxonomy & Conservation; Amphibian taxonomy & conservation breeding; Freshwater fish field biologist; Small mammals field biologist; Conservation education.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** 1. Written an article about climate change and what we can do to reduce it, not published., 2. Taken part in collecting polythene at Sri Pada - Young Zoologists' Association-2008., 3. Promoting conservation through mails and activities at home, office and other environments.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** 1. Learning and increasing knowledge; 2. Taking action to participate in various conservation projects; 3. Providing knowledge and skills to increase awareness for the public.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Sri Lanka - Redlist compiling team member, Biodiversity surveys around the mid and east part of island, ecosystem restoration works.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Habitat restorations in north western parts of Sri Lanka, mammal surveys at southern Sri Lanka, Ethnobiological surveys at Northwestern parts.

**Species of special interest:** *Ratufa macroura*, especially bats and rats of Sri Lanka.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Conserve nature, using practically important activities such as habitat restoration and education.

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Karunarathna, D.M.S.S., S.M. Henkanaththegedara, A.A.T. Amarasinghe and A. de Silva (2013). Impact of vehicular traffic on Herpetofaunal mortality in a Savannah forest, Eastern Sri Lanka. Taprobanica, 5(2): 111-119.

Kumarasinghe, A., W.A.A.D.G. Pradeep, P.I.K. Peabotuwege, R.G.A.T.S. Wickramaarachchi, S. Somarathne, B.N.H. Perera, U.T.I. Abeyawardane, M.R. Wijesinghe and D.M.S.S. Karunarathna (2013). An attempt to reduce impacts of limestone quarries through biodiversity assessment and translocation: A case study at the Holcim Limestone Quarry Site in Puttalam, Sri Lanka. Asian Journal of Conservation Biology, 2(1): 3-20.

Asela, M.D.C., K.D.B. Ukuwela, I.N. Bandara, H.K.D. Kandambi, T.D. Surasinghe and D.M.S.S. Karunarathna (2012). Natural history and current distribution patterns of *Calotes liolepis* Boulenger, 1885 (Reptilia: Agamidae: Draconinae) in Sri Lanka. Herpetotropicos, 8(1): 39-47.

Peabotuwege, I., I.N. Bandara, D. Samarasinghe, N. Perera, M. Madawala, C. Amarasinghe, H.K.D. Kandambi and D.M.S.S. Karunarathna (2012). Range extension for *Duttaphrynus kotagamai* (Amphibia: Bufonidae) and a preliminary checklist of herpetofauna from the Uda Mälilboda Trail in Samanala Nature Reserve, Sri Lanka. Amphibian and Reptile Conservation 5(2): 52-64.

Karunarathna, D.M.S.S. and A.A.T. Amarasinghe (2012). Reptile diversity in *Beraliya mukalana* proposed Forest Reserve, Galle District, Sri Lanka. Taprobanica, 4(1): 20-26.

Karunarathna, D.M.S.S., A.A.T. Amarasinghe, M.B. Madawala and H.K.D. Kandambi (2012). Population status of two *Varanus* species (Reptilia: Sauria: Varanidae) in Sri Lanka's Puttalam Lagoon system, with notes on their diet and Conservation status. Biawak, 6(1): 22-33.

De Silva, M.C., A.A.T. Amarasinghe, A. De Siva and D.M.S.S. Karunarathna (2011). Mugger crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris* Lesson, 1831) preys on a Radiated tortoise in Sri Lanka. Taprobanica, 3(1): 38-41.

Karunaratna, D.M.S.S. and A.A.T. Amarasinghe (2011). Natural history and Conservation status of *Calodactylodes Illingworthorum* Deraniyagala, 1953 (Sauria: Gekkonidae) in south-eastern Sri Lanka. *Herpetotropicos*, 6(1&2): 5-10.

Amarasinghe, A.A.T., F. Tiedem and D.M.S.S. Karunaratna (2011). *Calotes nigrilabris* Peters, 1860 (Reptilia: Agamidae): a threatened highland agamid lizard in Sri Lanka. *Amphibian and Reptile Conservation* 5(2): 90-100.

Karunaratna, D.M.S.S. and A.A.T. Amarasinghe (2011). A preliminary survey of the Reptile fauna in Nilgala Forest and its vicinity, Monaragala District, Sri Lanka. *Taprobanica*, 3(2): 69-76.

Karunaratna, D.M.S.S., W.A.A.D.G. Pradeep, P.I.K. Peabotuwage and M.C. De Silva (2011). First report on the Ovipositional behaviour of *Calotes nigrilabris* Peters, 1860 (Reptilia: Sauria: Agamidae) from the Central massif of Sri Lanka. *Russian Journal of Herpetology*, 18(2): 111-118.

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Supervising undergraduate research related to Conservation Biology.

Contribution for development of the Biodiversity profile of the Uva Province of Sri Lanka.

Increasing conservation awareness of school children, general public, officers of the forests department, department of wildlife conservation & police department through awareness programmes and training workshops.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Identification of patterns of faunal endemism in Maputaland-Podoland-Albany Biodiversity hotspot in South Africa (Ph.D. research)

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Educate the society by giving information and danger of destruction that the wild life is facing. Providing necessary support to safeguard the wildlife from the malpractices.

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**Contribution to Wildlife conservation since last 3 yrs:** Study of distribution of the endemic Golden palm civets *Paradoxurus aureus*, *Paradoxurus montanus*, *Paradoxurus stenocephalus* in Knuckles conservation forest and establishment of an ex-situ breeding programme for Golden palm civets at the National Zoological Gardens.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** To continue the same.

**Species of special interest:** Sri Lankan palm civets.

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**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** 1. GIS mapping program for fragmented forest area; 2. Research on minimizing of elephant train accidents.

**Species of special interest:** 1. Elephants - *Elephas maximus*, Dugong - *Dugong dugon* 2. Human Elephant conflict, Road kills.

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Research on reproductive endocrinology of the Sri Lankan Rusty-spotted cat.

Conservation breeding program on Sri Lankan rusty-spotted cats and golden palm civets.

Wildlife Forensics, assist the Dept. of Wildlife Conservation/ Courts to identify wild animal samples to mitigate bushmeat trade & poaching.

Rehabilitation of wild mammal and bird casualties.

Start a collaborative work to establish DNA bar coding of Sri Lankan wild animals.

**Commitments to conservation for next 3 yrs:** Education on wildlife conservation, research on reproduction of wild felids and golden palm civet.

Wildlife Forensics - to improve my skills and knowledge to carry out this activity more effectively.

Rehabilitation on terrestrial and stranded marine animals.

Establish a laboratory at the Department of National Zoological Gardens to conduct research on reproduction.

**Species of special interest:** Sri Lankan wild cats, reptiles, reproductive biology, clinical pathology.

### CPSG South Asia Membership Form

	First name	Middle	Last
Name:			
Designation:		Title:	Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of birth: dd/mm/yy		Sex:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> , Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of Institution and Address:			
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Address other than above if you prefer us to use it.			
What term best describes you-your interest, skills, and expertise?	Zoo biologist <input type="checkbox"/> Field biologist <input type="checkbox"/> Academic <input type="checkbox"/> Zoo manager <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinarian <input type="checkbox"/> Zoo technician <input type="checkbox"/> Researcher <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation biologist <input type="checkbox"/> NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Welfare Activist <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Activist <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Activist <input type="checkbox"/> Educator <input type="checkbox"/> Organiser <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Curriculum vitae	Please enclose if you have one already made up or send by email to <a href="mailto:zooreach@zooreach.org">zooreach@zooreach.org</a>		
Contributions to wildlife conservation since last three years. Please list Field Studies, Books & Articles, Events organised, Zoo Projects (Breeding, Veterinary, Research, Education, etc.) Lobbying, Organisations started, Wild Animal Rescue, Wild Animal Rehabilitation, Legislation influences, Research techniques developed, Education/awareness activities, etc. Use back or separate sheet if you wish to.			
Commitments to conservation for next three years. Please list the things you plan to do or would like to achieve if given the chance in the next three years. Dreams are allowed.			
What do you need most to realize your dreams and ambitions for preventing extinction of wild animals and plants?			
Special interests: Please list plants and animal species in which you have a special interest.			
Membership in CBSG, South Asia. List projects in South Asian countries which would make your membership in CBSG, South Asia useful and meaningful.	I would like to be a member of CPSG South Asia <input type="checkbox"/>		

